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"This is another example of how the Recovery Act is effecting people at the local level, and helping to put Sacramentans back to work," said Congresswoman Matsui. "With so many dislocated workers in the Sacramento region due to the downturn in the economy, training programs like this one are essential to putting them back on a path to good and sustainable careers."

A large portion of this funding will fund pre-apprenticeship training programs through the Northern California Construction Training, Inc. and American River College. Additional funding will be used for recruitment, support services and job placement, areas that often put extra burdens on apprenticeship candidates.

"We are grateful to receive Recovery Act funding from the Federal Highway Administration," said Kathy Kossick, Executive Director of SETA. "This grant will be invested to train individuals for high wage, high demand jobs in the transportation industry."

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